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LASERS Nationally Recognized as One of 10 Best State Pensions

Baton Rouge— The Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) was recently recognized in *Pensions & Investments* and *FundFire*, both national financial publications, as being among the top 10 state pension plans in the United States. Information for the ranking was based on an analysis of 10-year annualized investment returns and was conducted by Cliffwater LLC.

Data for the study, "Trends in State Pension Asset Allocation and Performance," was taken from the 2011 comprehensive annual financial reports of 96 state pension plans. Though the market experienced two significant corrections, including the Great Recession, during this decade, LASERS earned a 6.7 percent annualized return for the 10-year period ended June 30, 2011. Returns among the other top 10 systems ranged from 7.1 percent to 6.5 percent. Also of note, LASERS has earned an 18.4 percent average market return over the past three years.

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